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SUBJECT: PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING OF REFUGEES IN
THAILAND

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM INS/CO AS GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR INS
OFFICERS IN THAILAND IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPANDED
PAROLE PROGRAM.

A. THE EMBASSY HAS PRESCREENED ABOUT 80 OF THE REFUGEES
THAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE ELIGIBLE. A CASE FILE IS OPENED
AFTER AN INITIAL SCREENING OF THE REFUGEE ESTABLISHES A
PRIMA FACIE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE US PROGRAM. A PRELIMINARY
VISA FALCON CABLE IS THEN INITIATED FOR SECURITY CLEARANCE
AND CONSIDERATION OF THE REFUGEE UNDER THE PROGRAM, AND
BIOGRAPHIC DATA COLLECTED. WHEN A VISAS FALCON RESPONSE
COMES TO BANGKOK, IT IS ADDED TO THE APPLICANT'S FILE.

B. INS OFFICER ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY OFFICIAL GOES TO
THE REFUGEE CAMP. TRANSPORTATION IS ARRANGED BY EMBASSY.
AT THE CAMP THE REFUGEE IS INTERVIEWED TO ESTABLISH
ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE PAROLE CRITERIA AND THE I&N ACT.
AFFIDAVITS ARE TAKEN FROM HIM REGARDING HIS ASSETS AND
LIABILITIES, HIS RELATIONSHIP TO A RELATIVE IN THE UNITED
STATES (IF ANY) AND THAT HE HAS NOT ENGAGED IN THE
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PERSECUTION OF ANYONE.

IF CLEARED, THE INS OFFICIAL, EXECUTES FORM I-94 (PAROLE EDITION) BUT DOES NOT SIGN IT AND ASSIGNS AN "A" NUMBER. THE FILE IS RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY AND THE EMBASSY NOTIFIES D/HA WASHINGTON OF "A" NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THE REFUGEE. D/HA THEN ASSIGNS THE CASE TO A VOLUNTARY AGENCY AND GIVES THE BIOGRAPHIC CABLE TO THE VOLUNTARY AGENCY TO OBTAIN A SPONSOR WITHIN THE UNITED STATES. D/HA OFFICER IS NOTIFIED OF SPONSOR BY THE VOLAG AND INFORMS EMBASSY THAT TRAVEL HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED.

C. EMBASSY THEN NOTIFIES ICEM WHICH ARRANGES IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL OF REFUGEE FAMILY TO BANGKOK AND FINAL PROCESSING IS COMPLETED INCLUDING ASSIGNMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, AND MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND, IF POSSIBLE, PHOTOGRAPHING AND FINGERPRINTING. PRIOR TO EMBARKATION FOR THE U.S., FORM I-94 IS COMPLETED.

D. ICEM ARRANGES ITINERARY FOR REFUGEE TO AIRPORT NEAREST TO REFUGEE'S SPONSOR AND INFORMS ICEM/WASHINGTON AND EMBASSY OF ETA OF REFUGEE. EMBASSY INFORMS D/HA AND ICEM/WASHINGTON INFORMS VOLAGS AND SPONSOR.

PROCESSING DOCUMENTS PREPARED AND CARRIED FORWARD BY PRINCIPAL APPLICANTS PICKED UP BY INS AT PORT OF ENTRY AND FORWARDED TO APPROPRIATE FCO IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTIONS. SISCO

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